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CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill has been advanced. We will now take up LB 311. Senator Moylan. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. The bill has been discussed on April 29th. At that time, it failed to advance.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,...

SPEAKER: Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: I explained this bill last week, as you all understand. It is a bill to raise the salary of the Public Service Commission. Now the bill asked for \$25,000. The Committee amendments were adopted which cut it down to \$20,000. They are now getting \$17,500 and they are only asking for, this makes it \$2,500 increase. They have not had an increase since 1972 and this will not take effect until 1977 and I quoted to you the other day the comparison with other states around us. We are at the bottom for salaries for Public Service Commission, and not only that, but we are the only state in the Union that restricts this Commission to having no outside income, no practice of any kind outside of this job. All other states allow them to continue their own private business outside and yet pay them more salary than they are getting here in Nebraska. If there is any other questions, I would be happy to try to answer them and I would ask at this time that LB 311 be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am writing an amendment to offer and I am very serious on it. I will state what it is and then I will write it out and it is not confusing. On Page 2, line 6, where we deal with the salary figure, I want to put in \$16,500.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers has offered an amendment and he is going to present it to the Chair. Would the Clerk read the amendment?

CLERK: Senator Chambers moves to amend LB 311 on Page 2, line 6 substitute \$16,500. Signed Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, would you like to elaborate on that amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this puts in a salary figure which I still think is excessive. Nevertheless, because these gentlemen do work part time and they are suppose to deal with very grave issues, although in my opinion they don't deal with them very well, I think that some kind of salary of this figure, and this is a five figure salary, is suitable and I say again to you. If you have a sheriff whose job is to catch bank robbers and his best friend is Jesse James, something is not right. I move the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Moylan.